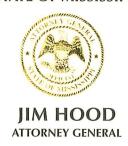
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Dear Messrs. Elzey and Piccolo:

Thank you for your timely response of July 2, 2010. The State has already listed the common law claims available under the law of our State, which should be sufficient for you to reach a decision without a draft complaint. If you have specific questions about the claims we listed, then please send them to me. Otherwise, please provide me with a written response indicating whether Transocean takes the position that those common law claims set forth in my letter of June 23, 2010, must be brought within the limitation action. If I do not receive a more definitive answer from you by Thursday, July 15, 2010, I will take your lack of a response as an indication that we have a disagreement in principle and will proceed accordingly.

If you would like to discuss the matter, please contact me at (601) 359-3692.

Sincerely yours

Jim Hood

Attorney General